

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

**Whereas**, As South Dakotans we acknowledge the emotional, physical, psychological, and financial impact crimes have on individuals, families, and communities; and,

**Whereas**, South Dakota recognizes that we make our homes, neighborhoods, and communities safer and stronger by serving victims of crime and by ensuring that rights, resources, and services are available to help rebuild lives; and,

**Whereas**, Twenty million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those, 4.3 million are victims of violent crime; and,

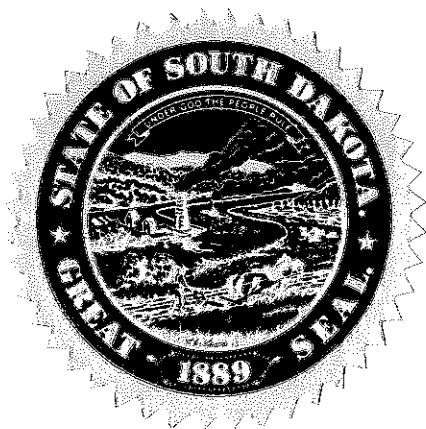
**Whereas**, Our history teaches us that, by working together, we can help victims of crime reshape their destinies and ensure they receive the support they need, the respect they deserve, and the rights they have earned; and,

**Whereas**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10-16, 2011, provides an opportunity for South Dakota to reaffirm its commitment to respect victims of violent crimes and recognize those who serve them during this week and throughout the year:

**Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2011, as

### *CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

*Dennis Daugaard*

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State